1: Jenness--163 (1913-16) 1922 Copper Eskimo
116, 736, 768, 587

"It is the widows who have the hardest lot. Their kinsmen are bound to support them and provide them with a home, but naturally a man with a wife and children of his own to take care of has no desire to be burdened with a widowed sister any longer than he can help. Friction, too, may arise at any time between sister and wife. Sometimes the widow becomes a public harlot; she will offer herself, that is, to any man who wants her for a day or a week, in the hope that some one will finally keep her permanently; should she give birth to a child no one will ever reproach her. Young widows never have any difficulty in finding new husbands, but the middle-aged often have to wait a long time, if they re-marry at all. The people have a proverb about them which runs: 'She had no property. She was an old woman when she finally remarried, an aged woman'."

6: Roberts and Jenness--14 (1914-1916) 1925 Copper Eskimo
587, 768

"As long as man retains the strength of hunt he can always find a comfortable home; but wretched is the fate of the widow who is unable to obtain another husband. She is cast on the community, a burden to herself and to her kinsfolk alike."